

Tales of GOTHAM and other CITIES

New York City Crowd Pursues One Little Bird



NEW YORK—"The best way to catch an Irish linnet is to do a cabaret dance and make a noise like a worm," was the philosophical decision of one of a score of men who spent the entire afternoon recently trying to capture a bird in the clearing back of the Hotel Astor, where the New theater is to be erected. An interested crowd of several hundred persons watched the chase and several hundred suggestions were freely made.

All the commotion was started when Miss Martha Marr of Stamping Ground, Ky., reported to a clerk in the Hotel Astor that her Irish linnet, which she had smuggled into her room on the eighth floor back, had flown her coop, or, to be exact, her gilded cage. Great was the grief she displayed. But nothing happened until she displayed a yellowback with \$20 marked all over it.

"Try an ad in the paper," suggested a bellboy, "and you will get back a dozen birds in the morning."

"But I must get my Colleen (Christian name of the bird) at once. She

is right out there in the back yard, the poor dear, just flying around in a hysterical manner."

Even the taxicab drivers were touched when they heard of the reward offered. Several quit their machines and sought to make friends with the linnet. They were joined by nearly all the small boys in the neighborhood. The taxicab starter sent more than 20 men in quest of the bird. Sandwich sign men threw off their advertising garb and joined the chase with a vim.

Baskets, buckets and other articles, arranged with a bait underneath and dropped upon sticks to which were attached long strings, were the more popular methods used. But some of the men and boys tried to effect a capture by hand. Colleen seemed to enjoy the sport of the chase as much as the spectators. She chirped or sang, or whatever a regular linnet does, and seemed to smile when some one shouted a suggestion across the vacant lot:

"Put salt on its tail!"

"Get an aeroplane!"

"Make a noise like a worm!"

"Get a letter of introduction!"

These were a few of the suggestions made to the crowd that labored for more than three hours trying to catch the feathered prize. Colleen was still fancy free and having the time of her young life when darkness came and Miss Marr refused to be cajoled.

"Hoodoo" Didn't Work and Sallie Got "Wusser"

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A white woman named Mrs. Timmore was arraigned before Judge Benner of the court of common pleas the other day on a charge of the larceny of a cow belonging to an aged negro woman named Adelaide Williams. The evidence was not sufficient to sustain the charge, but it revealed a state of facts that showed the credulity of the negro race in the efficiency of the "hoodoo."

The negro woman stated that she was the proud mother of a yellow girl of about seventeen years old that instead of staying at home she said off-spring, as the old woman expressed it, went "er gallivantin' wid de boys." This behavior on the part of her daughter Sallie caused the old woman some "oneasiness" and she called on the white woman for assistance. The said assistance was immediately promised, and a bargain was made that in the event the white woman succeeded in casting a spell on the wayward Sallie she was to receive the cow in payment.

According to the testimony of Adelaide the white woman fixed a powder and a bottle of liquid, which she gave to the girl with the injunction to place them in her trunk and the desire to roam would immediately vanish. The directions were carried out and the white woman took possession of the cow.

"Did the charm have the desired ef-



fect?" asked the prosecuting attorney of the old lady.

"What you mean?"

"Did the hoodoo keep Sallie from running around at night?"

"Keep dat chille from runnin' round at night? Lordy man, no, sah; hit made her wusser."

"Did you tell the defendant she could have the cow if the hoodoo worked all right?"

"Lemme tell yo', ah'll tell de truf er bout dat conjure. Ah did tell dat white lady dat ah would gin her de cow, but de onliest way she was ter git hit was for dat gal of mine ter be cured."

Sallie was put on the stand to testify as to the effects of the charm and also stated very emphatically that it made her "wusser" and that since that medicine was in her trunk she had almost left home.

Judge Benner discharged the woman on a charge of larceny and ordered the cow to be returned to the old aunt.

Boys' Tricks Force Action by Chicago Council



CHICAGO.—Mischievous small boys, through a recently acquired habit, are going to force the city council to amend the automobile ordinances to prevent the boys from adding to the city's automobile accidents.

Alderman James A. Kearns discovered the other day that the combination of an automobile, equipped with a self-starting engine, and a small boy was one which may cause trouble. He learned that boys walking along the street, particularly messenger boys in the downtown district, have acquired a new habit.

Instead of being content to walk up to a machine standing at a curb and "toot" the horn, boys have demonstrated the merits of self-starting devices for automobile engines by pushing a foot lever and letting the engine "run wild."

"There is no danger in this," said Alderman Kearns, "if some one is left to guard the car, or if the brakes are set. But just think what would hap-

pen if a small boy was to press the engine-starting device of a machine where the brakes are not set.

"Why, the machine is likely to start running in a crowded street and injure, or perhaps kill, several persons before it could be stopped. I am going to ask the city council to pass an amendment to the automobile ordinances requiring that all automobiles, whether or not they are equipped with self-starting devices, be made 'small boy proof.' It is a wonder that many accidents have not been caused thus far."

Alderman Kearns said further that he would ask for an ordinance requiring persons owning automobiles to lock the starting levers when they are left standing unguarded alongside of a sidewalk.

As long as the brakes are set on an automobile there is very little likelihood that the machine will start if the self-starting engine device is depressed. The engine may start, but the gears will have to be thrown in, before the automobile itself will move.

The police department has the power to arrest any person other than the owner for tampering with an automobile. Alderman Kearns said, however, that it would take a small army of policemen to keep track of the mischievous acts of Chicago's thousands of small boys.

Jail's Trick Rat Returns After a Long Vacation

CLEVELAND, O.—Joshua, the pale trained rat of the county jail, is back again. Joshua has not been seen since eighteen months ago, when he disappeared with a wooden-legged man, until the other morning. The return of the prodigal rat affected Jailer Bill Stoller deeply.

Stoller was sitting by the window in the jail office, watching the automobiles pass in the public square, when he felt a slight tug at his rear pocket, where he ordinarily keeps the fine cut.

The jailer turned. There was Joshua, pale as ever, eagerly munching the tobacco.

"Why, it's Josh," exclaimed Stoller, as a large tear dropped down Joshua's cheek, either caused by emotion or the fact that the tobacco was strong.

Joshua immediately jumped to the desk, where he went through the intricate evolutions that have made him the marvel of the sheriff and his deputies.

The leave-taking of Joshua from the county jail was comparable only to the escape of a thief in the night. The rat, whose already pale complexion, due, doubtless, to long impris-



ment, had become even paler, has been lingering around a wooden-legged man, awaiting grand jury action on a charge of robbing a cheese factory, for several days. The grand jury met and acquitted the man, in spite of the circumstantial evidence that the atmosphere in his presence gave.

Joshua doubtless figuring that where there was cheese in the air there might be food for him, slipped into the right-hand coat pocket of the man with the wooden leg. He then was seen no more at the jail until his mysterious return the other day.

"Josh, as we call Joshua for short, will come to the desk at 11 o'clock every morning, for his chew," said Stoller.

MODEST DANCER CAPTURES LONDON



THIS is London's best and most graceful dancer, the modest Miss Lydia Kyasht, for a long time the leading attraction at the Empire theater, who danced before the king and queen of England at their request. Her modest costumes and her discarding the bizarre manner of dance used by the so-called "modern" dancer called forth the unstinted praise of their majesties.

FOOLS TWO SPOUSES

Woman Divided Time Between First and Second Husbands.

Wife of One Switchman Meets Another, Likes His Playing on Harmonica and Weds Him—Keeps It Up Two Months.

Chicago, Ill.—A wife who for two months divided her time between two husbands, fooling both of them by naming her mother as an alibi when she returned late to either home, was found in the person of Mrs. Stella Carabine-Galley, according to James E. Carabine, who says he is the original husband, and had the wife arrested as a bigamist.

Both husbands are switchmen, and out of the city about half of the time. Mrs. Carabine-Galley is twenty-four years of age and rather pretty.

Oscar Galley, the second husband, was also in a cell, charged with marrying a woman while he had knowledge of a prior husband. He told the police he understood the woman had obtained a divorce from Carabine.

Everybody involved is agreed on some facts, namely: Carabine lost his job a few months ago and the wife, who had to go out to work in a hotel, heard Galley playing on a harmonica, liked the music and married him.

Carabine said he married his wife six years ago and lived happily until he took sick last spring and lost his place. He was hunting work when the wife volunteered to go out and earn the family living for a time. When she found work in a hotel, Carabine stored the furniture. He regained his health and found a new job.

Meanwhile, he said, Galley and the harmonica had interested the wife. The second marriage took place March 9 last in Great Bend, Ind. During the following two months the wife,

according to Carabine, was kept busy fooling her two husbands.

Then he found out about Galley, and there was a quarrel over Galley, whom Carabine looked upon as a sutor more or less harmless. The wife left Carabine, who some time later learned of her second marriage. Carabine searched for the wife for four months.

He had stored his furniture in a storagehouse, and it was there Galley was arrested, when, representing himself as Carabine, he attempted to obtain possession of the household goods. The woman was arrested while waiting for Galley to appear with the furniture to fix up a flat.

The police today permitted Galley to amuse himself in jail with the harmonica. Mrs. Carabine-Galley could hear the seductive music in her distant cell.

Courts Slow; Kills Self.
Houston, Tex.—Because the courts were so slow in granting her a divorce, so she could marry her Japanese lover, Mrs. Ida Hawley, a magazine writer, committed suicide here.

POSED AS MODEL FOR SALOME

History of Beautiful Original of Henri Regnault's Painting Is Told for First Time.

Paris.—Much has been heard lately of Henri Regnault's picture "Salome," which after being bought for a comparatively small sum in his lifetime was sold for over \$100,000 last month, and no little curiosity has been expressed as to the history of the beautiful girl who served as a model. Her own daughter tells the story in the illustration. She says:

"Marie Veronique, Conchetto Latini came from the Sabine country, and was born in 1853 near Tivoli. Her

father, a fine looking man, was a humble bee keeper. Nature, though she had given the child little wealth in money, had endowed her with jet black hair, beautiful brown eyes and exquisite teeth.

"One Christmas eve when she was only twelve years old a French sculptor named Renaudot saw her in St. Peter's and was struck with her beauty. Some time afterward he met her in the country riding on a donkey behind her father. That decided him; he introduced himself to her family and fell hopelessly in love.

"When the girl was fifteen years old his friend Henri Regnault made the beauty's acquaintance and asked her to sit to him as Salome. The picture finished, he migrated to Spain and Morocco and finally met his death fighting in the war of 1870.

"Renaudot had also left Rome to take part in the war, in which he greatly distinguished himself, and on peace being signed he hurried back to Rome to marry Maria Latini. She was then seventeen years old and he was thirty-six."

Renaudot's health did not permit him to pursue his career as an artist for many years after this. His last work was a "Diana the Huntress," now at the Palais Bourbon. But despite the anxiety his weak health gave his wife, it was she who was the first to be taken, at the end of 1909. Her husband only survived her three weeks.

LATEST NEWS FROM HADES

John Armstrong Chaloner Gets Authentic Information From Departed Friend.

Washington.—John Armstrong Chaloner, a member of the Chaloner family of New York, who is legally insane in that state, although legally sane in Virginia, says he has received a message from hell through his deceased friend, Thomas Jefferson Miller. Chaloner, who lives at Merry Mills, Va., came to Alexandria to get the message from Miller.

Chaloner says Miller informed him that "Hell is more an affair of the intellect, will power and aspiration than merely combustion," and that the temperature is of the nature of our temperate zone. Thus Chaloner quotes Miller:

"In hell, morality is as enthusiastically and scientifically taught as mathematics and physics at any university. Justice rules, but it is untempered by mercy."

Chaloner says Miller declared that on arriving in hell he found himself to have been Marshal Ney in life. He had assumed his stature and features, and had conversed with Napoleon Bonaparte, who later appeared before him in the costume of Michael Angelo. Again Chaloner quotes Miller:

"On reaching here, the first sensation experienced was that of awakening after a sound and peaceful sleep. When I opened my eyes what did I behold? Napoleon Bonaparte sitting upon a throne the like of which never before was seen."

In the opinion of Miller, according to the message of Chaloner, Satan "is

a thoroughly misunderstood personality. Satan is no enemy of Jehovah as is sin. Satan is Jehovah's public prosecutor. Briefly, Satan is the highest power in heaven after the Trinity. He reigns in hell, but appears in heaven as he pleases."

Satan, Miller says, according to Chaloner, is a prince, a gentleman, a hero and a noble creature."

REVEALS A SOCIETY SCANDAL

Berlin Women of High Social Position Are Found Mixing With Undesirables.

Berlin.—A woman pianist was sentenced to a month's imprisonment in connection with a scandal recently unearthed by the Berlin police.

Detectives made an unexpected raid on a night café in the center of Berlin frequented almost exclusively by women. Demimondaines were found there mixing with women of high social position. Most of the customers of the establishment, to which few men were admitted, were in masculine attire. The woman pianist, who has been sent to prison, a comely person, much admired by the customers, sang suggestive songs which aroused prolonged applause.

Neighbors complained of the manner in which the establishment was conducted, and the police made a raid and took the name and address of everyone found there. The presence of a certain princess, however, saved the customers from prosecution, and only the pianist was brought before the courts.

and Turkey have changed. There is a stirring race for leadership in the Sudan, between Christianity and Islamism, and a Christian propaganda has been carried on for twenty years in Arabia is being removed to Cairo, the central city of Islam.

It is declared that some conversions have been made, and that Mohammedans are far less bitter against those of their number who change than formerly. Hospitals and medical dispensaries are being employed as powerful missionary arguments.

NO TREE IS EXEMPT

Experts of Department of Agriculture Give Result of Investigation of Lightning.

Washington.—The department of agriculture made public the results of an exhaustive investigation of lightning strikes throughout the country. The report disposes of the belief of the ancient philosophers that certain kinds of trees, the laurel, aspen and beech, were never struck by lightning, with the statement that "any kind of tree is likely to be struck."

The report shows that lightning strikes in the Colorado plateau region more often than anywhere else in this country, and asserts that lightning is a prolific source of fires in the forests of the west.

Late hours account for a lot of premature wrinkles.

PRAYERS FOR THE MOSLEMS

Christians Asked to Join in Observing Martyr's Hundredth Anniversary.

New York.—Leaders of mission movements in England and America are asking the Christian people of both countries to observe Oct. 16 next as a day of prayer for the conversion of Islam. The date is the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Henry Martyn, a pioneer in attempts

to convert followers of Moslem. The appeal to America comes from both established church and nonconformist in England, and is endorsed by leaders of all religious bodies in this country. Private prayer, family prayer and the holding of public meetings for general prayer are asked.

The appeal points out the decadent character of political states holding to the teachings of Mahomet, and states that Henry Martyn's work, regarded as hopeless in his day, has by no means gone for nought. Persia, Egypt

HOME TOWN HELPS

FORCED TO FIGHT FOR LIFE

Tree Really Has Unequal Show for Development of Beauty in Crowded Places.

The seclusion and beauty of eastern academic cities, duplicated in some of the middle west towns, have become historical in great part by reason of the magnificent elms which border the avenues and fill the yards and university grounds. These noble trees were planted when wood was burned, and they were well grown before coal smoke and gas made city conditions so difficult for flourishing tree life. Young trees nowadays must fight so many adverse conditions in cities that it seems unlikely they will ever reach the fine proportions of their stately ancestors. City life does not materially affect old trees, but stunts the growth of the young ones and deprives them of much of their grace and vigor.

That the fight against city life is a keen one is shown by the fact that elms in a city will shed their leaves fully a month in advance of their rural relatives, and that often the leaves turn brown and drop off with no color change, while those in the country will sometimes turn such brilliant shades of yellow that pilgrimages are made to the fields or clay knolls where their beauty is revealed in natural and unhampered perfection. The gypsy and brown tailed moth have made serious inroads upon the health and beauty of the eastern elms, but up to the present time they are unknown in the middle west. Western horticulturists, knowing that they cannot hope wholly to escape the visit of these pests, are putting forth earnest efforts to discover some method of extermination. The European elm, though hardy, is stiff, lacking the graceful arching character of the American elm. The hackberry, a fine large tree, so like the elm that it is often mistaken for it, is subject to attacks of a fungus that causes an unsightly growth of twigs.

TREES GAVE STREET VALUE

Case in Point as to Their Financial Worth in Cities, If Any Were Necessary.

A visitor in the southern states made this observation: "Passing through a street in one of the large cities of the south on which blocks of first class houses had been erected on both sides, but evidently by different owners, there appeared to be a wonderful difference in success caused by shade trees alone. There was a pretty row of Carolina poplars on one side and on the other side no trees at all. This side had numerous notices of houses to rent, but on the other side of the trees, in the shade, every house was occupied. The houses on both sides of the streets appeared to be of equal age and value and there was no apparent difference between the two. There is not a particle of doubt that the presence of the trees had given the one side the greater advantage."

Money for Civic Improvement.

Berlin and Paris were made beautiful by tearing out slums and building boulevards and parks on the vacated grounds. That these improvements did not increase the taxes was because the government condemned large tracts of ground, razed the buildings, improved the property on them, and then sold a part of the ground at a price justified by the improvements. The people, rather than land speculators, got the benefit of the increase in price from betterments and public use.

The legal right to proceed in this way is called the law of excess condemnation. In this country some communities have tried to proceed in this way, but the state supreme courts have found the state laws provided for it to be unconstitutional.

Crawford, at the 1911 conference on city planning, said:

"A decision by a state court upholding excess condemnation within reasonable limits would in turn be upheld by the supreme court of the United States."

Drapery of the Vines.

Vines have a most important mission to perform in the decoration of the house, and no dwelling, even of the most beautiful architecture, is complete without their graceful drapery. They give an artistic touch that nothing else can supply, whether it be a cabin or a mansion. Train a rapidly-growing vine over bare walls and it transforms the most unpretentious of dwellings into a thing of beauty, and when trained around sunny porches the vines not only beautify, but add much of comfort to the home in summer. Vines are of little trouble after they are planted, will live forever and though some of the climbers will be found in the foliage class, many of them have flowers that are conspicuously beautiful.

Proud Boast of Bohemian City.

Giving its building laws the credit, the Bohemian city of Prague, which has more than 500,000 population, claims not to have lost a life by fire in fifteen years.

In New York.

"Horrible murder you had here," "Yep," growled the New York policeman.

"Think of shooting down a man on a brilliantly lighted thoroughfare."

"That's just the trouble," said the policeman. "They ought to have picked out a side street."

Improved Auto Outfit.

On an automobile wireless outfit built for the Austrian army the motor used to propel the car may also be utilized to drive the electric generator.



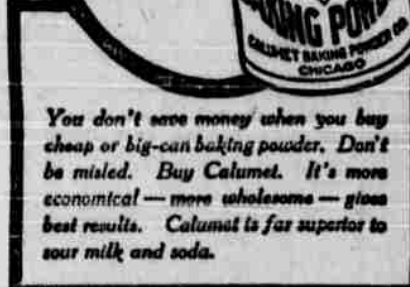
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Point for Sherlock Holmes. Somebody wondered how long a certain woman who had just left the room had been married.

"About 15 years," said the jeweler.

"How do you know?" asked the jeweler's wife. "You never saw her until tonight."

"I can tell by the size of her wedding ring," he replied. "The width of wedding rings changes about every five years. The kind she wears was in style 15 years ago."

Swallow's Home. The teacher in natural history had received more or less satisfactory replies to her questions. The Delineator asserts, and finally she asked: "What little boy can tell me where the home of the swallow is?"

Long silence, then a hand waved.

"Well, Bobbie, where is it?"

"The home of the swallow," declared Bobbie, seriously, "is in the stomach."

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